

ABSTRACT**LOCATION SENSITIVE SOFTWARE EXECUTION**

[0028] A method and system for managing software according to a physical location of a computer that is to execute the software. The operating system of the computer is modified to contain a location service that is able to determine the exact physical location of the computer. When the computer's operating system requests that a software application be loaded into system memory, the computer's location service determines the exact current physical location of the computer using a satellite Global Positioning System (GPS) or similar system. This location is compared to a list of authorized location ranges. If the computer is within an authorized location range, the software is allowed to load into system memory and execute as long as the computer remains within the authorized area. If the computer is not within an authorized area, then the software is not allowed to load into system memory and thus cannot execute.